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SUBJECT: FREEZE ON FAMILY CARE NON-MA ENROLLMENTS

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

PURPOSE

This memo describes Economic Support procedure for implementing the enrollment freeze for some Family Care Non-MA applicants.

BACKGROUND

Enrollment of persons eligible for Family Care but ineligible for Medicaid (MA) has exceeded projections. In order to keep spending for these individuals within State appropriations, there is a temporary freeze on enrollment for most new Family Care Non-MA applicants. The freeze takes effect October 1, 2001, and will remain in effect until further notice from the Department. A modification of eligibility determination and enrollment procedure is necessary in order to implement the freeze.

DISCUSSION

During the temporary enrollment freeze period, most new Family Care Non-MA eligible persons will not be able to enroll in the Care Management Organization.

There are 4 groups of persons ineligible for MA who are exempted from the freeze:

1. Family Care Non-MA eligible persons who are currently enrolled.
2. Family Care Non-MA eligible persons who are waiting for the results of a disability determination.

3. Family Care eligible persons who met their MA deductible on or after 10/01/01 are not required to disenroll if they remain Family Care Non-MA eligible when the new deductible period begins.
4. In Milwaukee County only, persons identified by the Resource Center who are Family Care Non-MA eligible and currently receiving county services.

PROCESSING INSTRUCTIONS

CURRENT ENROLLEES

All Family Care Non-MA clients who are currently enrolled are not affected by the freeze and will continue to be served.

PENDING DISABILITY

Persons who have or will apply for Family Care and are waiting for a disability determination are exempted from the freeze because if s/he is determined disabled, MA eligibility can be backdated to cover the period of enrollment. If a person is not determined to be disabled, the eligibility worker should notify the Resource Center worker that the client will remain eligible only under Family Care Non-MA criteria. The Resource Center will determine if the client should be disenrolled according to adverse action logic. Likewise, if the client appeals the negative disability determination, the eligibility worker should inform the Resource Center worker. The Resource Center worker will provide direction about whether or not to disenroll according to adverse action logic. The CMO capacity question on ANFR should be changed to N if the Resource Center indicates the client should be disenrolled in either case.

DEDUCTIBLES

If an applicant has met deductible status on or after 10/1/01, s/he is eligible for MA and will be enrolled. If at the end of the met deductible period the client is found to be FC Non-MA eligible, s/he will not be required to disenroll during the period while s/he is ineligible for MA because a new deductible period has been established.

ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION AND ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Resource Centers will continue to refer clients to the Economic Support Agency for MA/Family Care determination. If it is determined that the applicant is not eligible for MA but is eligible for Family Care Non-MA, the eligibility worker communicates this and the reason for MA ineligibility to the Resource Center.

The Resource Center worker will then notify ES if the "CMO Capacity?" question on ANFR should be answered yes or no. If the client will be enrolled, the Resource Center worker will send the eligibility worker the start date information on the enrollment form and s/he will enroll the client in the usual manner. If the client cannot be enrolled, the Resource Center worker will send a "do not enroll" message to the eligibility worker. S/he will then enter "N" in the CMO capacity field on ANFR. An enrollment date would not be entered. The eligibility worker should then end date ANCW, if applicable, run SFED/X, and confirm any other MA benefits for which the client may be eligible.

CARES will issue a notice with reason code 318, which states, "No capacity in the Family Care CMO (Care Management Organization)". The Resource Center worker will need to provide the client with information about the waiting list and interim support services.

CONTACTS

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Note: Email contacts are preferred. Thank you.